

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending at the time of the Office action. Claims 12-15 have been withdrawn as a result of this amendment.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner has restricted the application to one of the following inventions, as classified by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a pry bar, classified in class 254, subclass 25; or
- II. Claims 12-15, drawn to a method of making a pry bar, classified in class 29, subclass 428.

The Examiner considers the inventions set forth in Groups I and II to be distinct from one another as related inventions.

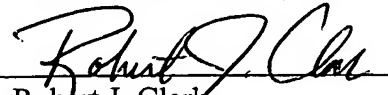
In response to the invention Restriction Requirement, **Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I**, directed to a pry bar as set forth in Claims 1-11, without traverse.

Claims 1-11 remain in the application. Claims 12-15 have been withdrawn as pertaining to an unelected invention. The applicant reserves the right to pursue the unelected invention in a divisional patent application.

Prompt consideration of this application and allowance of the claims are requested. If the Examiner should have any question regarding this application or the amendment, a call to Applicant's attorney would be appreciated.

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